



GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING

Professional Licensing Boards Division

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED RULES AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RULE 410-15-.01 INACTIVE STATUS

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Nursing (hereinafter "Board") proposes to adopt rule 410-15-.01.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the synopsis of the proposed rule, is being distributed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on the interested party notification list. A copy of this notice and a synopsis of the proposed rule may be reviewed during normal business hours (8:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday, except official State holidays) at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia Board of Nursing's web page at www.sos.georgia.gov/plb/rn. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia Board of Nursing at (478) 207-2440.

Any interested party affected by the rule may present comments to the Board no later than January 6, 2014. Written comments should be addressed to Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Comments may be submitted by fax to (877) 371-5712.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm on January 16, 2014 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent at its November 14, 2013 meeting. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-26-5 and 43-26-9.1 and that it is not legal or feasible to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of nursing.

The proposed rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Board of Nursing at its meeting scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. January 16, 2014 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Nursing has the authority to adopt the proposed rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§43-26-5 and 43-26-9.1.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 22ND day of November, 2013

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Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: November 22, 2013.



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SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULE 410-15-.01 INACTIVE STATUS

Purpose / Main Feature: The purpose of the proposed rule is to provide an inactive status for licensees and to detail the process for reinstating an inactive license.

410-15-.01 INACTIVE STATUS

(1) A currently licensed registered professional nurse who wishes to maintain his or her license but who does not wish to practice nursing in this State may apply for inactive licensure status by submitting an application for inactive status and paying the required fee. A licensee granted inactive status is exempt from filing a biennial license renewal application and paying a license renewal fee. A licensee who holds an inactive license shall not practice as a registered professional nurse.

(2) An inactive license may be changed to active status by filing an application for reinstatement with the Board, complying with reinstatement requirements, and paying a reinstatement fee, as determined by the Board. Applicants must be able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she has maintained current knowledge, skill and proficiency in the practice of nursing and that he or she is mentally and physically able to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety.

(3) Reinstatement of the license is within the discretion of the Board.

(4) Applicants for reinstatement who have not practiced as a registered nurse for at least five hundred hours within the previous four years must complete a Board approved reentry program.

(5) Applicants for reinstatement who have practiced as a registered nurse for at least five hundred hours within the previous four years must complete one of the five competency requirements within two years preceding the date of application for reinstatement.

(6) The Board may require the passage of an examination or other competency assessments. The Board, in its discretion, may impose any remedial requirements deemed necessary.

(7) The Board may deny reinstatement for failure to demonstrate current knowledge, skill and proficiency in the practice of nursing or being mentally or physically unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety or for any ground set forth in O.C.G.A. §43-26-11 .

(8) The denial of reinstatement is not a contested case, but the applicant shall be entitled to an appearance before the Board.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-5 and 43-26-9.1